



CCSW Priority Legislation — Year 2002

Final Report

This last year of the 2001/2002 legislative session was dominated by California's budget deficit which grew from \$12 billion in January to \$23.6 billion in May. Fiscal projections for the coming year are grim and the challenges expected to be even greater in the 2003-2004 Legislation Session which reconvenes on January 6., 2003.

The Commission has continued its efforts on behalf of issues impacting the **health and economic well-being** of California women. Our 2002 legislative agenda included 63 support measures, 43 of which were successful, including 15 Resolutions. Seven bills were vetoed by the Governor, including AB 2240 by Assemblymember Wright, which the Commission opposed. The Commission also opposed four bills related to reproductive freedom, none of which reached the Governor's desk. Session **highlights** and the final status of each bill in our 2002 agenda are included in this report. Unless otherwise indicated, the Commission supported these measures.

While many bills met their fate in Appropriations committees, there are some key victories to celebrate. Most significant was the Governor's signature on **landmark legislation** preserving a woman's right to **reproductive freedom** and supporting working families through **paid family leave**.

SB 1301 by Senator Sheila Kuehl will help **preserve the right to a legal abortion for California women**, even if the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision were someday overturned by the U.S. Supreme court. The new law also allows nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants to dispense medications such as RU-486 to women seeking abortion services.

With the enactment of SB 1661, also by Senator Kuehl, California becomes the **first state to adopt a paid family leave law**. This victory for working families means that Californians will receive six weeks of partial wage replacement benefits while taking time off to care for a seriously ill family member, a newborn, a newly adopted child, or foster care child.

Reproductive health care workers and patients who are victims of clinic violence will now be eligible for California's Safe at Home Program which protects the confidentiality of their home address (AB 797-Shelley). Physicians and other health care providers must provide **emergency contraception to female victims of sexual assault** upon request (AB 1860-Migden). Victims of



domestic violence will be able to obtain a new set of vehicle license plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles (AB 1915-Lowenthal).

The Department of Corrections will be required to consider **the value of inmate visitation** as a means of increasing safety in prisons and maintaining family ties when amending or creating new regulations on inmate visitation policies (AB 2133- Goldberg). **Female parolees** who violate their parole with a nonviolent offense will be given an opportunity to participate in a training and education program in lieu of returning to prison (AB 310-Goldberg).

New laws affecting access to health care include the passage of SB 1411 (Speier) which will prohibit health care plans from imposing a higher co-payment or deductible for **maternity services**. SB 253 (Ortiz) will permit the advancement of **stem cell research** in California. **Ob-gyn residency programs must include abortion training** under the provisions of AB 2194 (Jackson)

There are other important new laws included in the “enacted” list below that impact **campus violence, school-sponsored athletics, education and training, and assistance to CalWORKs recipients**.

ENACTED

AB 310 (Goldberg) Female Parolees: reintegration program in lieu of parole revocation
AB 692 (Aroner) Individual Development Accounts for CalWORKS Recipients
AB 797 (Shelley) Safe-at-Home Program for Reproductive Health Care Workers
AB 1599 (Negrete McLeod) Age Discrimination in Employment
AB 1860 (Migden) Sexual Assault Victims: pregnancy counseling/emergency contraception
AB 1915 (Lowenthal) Vehicles: license plates for domestic violence victims
AB 1928 (Jackson) Civil Actions: gender-related violence
AB 2133 (Goldberg) Inmate Visitation
AB 2194 (Jackson) Ob-Gyn Residency Requirements
AB 2252 (Cohn) Sex Crimes: evidence
AB 2295 (Oropeza) School-sponsored Athletic Programs
AB 2533 (Jackson) Postsecondary Education: campus crime reporting
AB 2583 (Chu) Postsecondary Education: sexual assault
AB 2750 (Wesson) Adult Education: classes in correctional facilities

ACR 136 (Florez) Rosa Parks Highway
ACR 157 (Chu) Girl Scouts
ACR 172 (Koretz) Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorder Awareness Month
ACR 173 (Alquist) Osteoporosis Awareness Month



ACR 174 (Wayne) Women's Health Month
ACR 176 (Daucher) Breast Cancer
ACR 186 (Alquist) Equal Pay Day
ACR 192 (Zettel) Elder Abuse Prevention Month
AJR 47 (Jackson) Commending title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
AJR 53 (Aroner) TANF Program

SB 174 (Kuehl) Mediation Proceedings: custody and visitation issues
SB 253 (Ortiz) Stem Cell Research
SB 1045 (Polanco) Public Employment and Contracting: diversity in public policy
SB 1264 (Alpert) Aid for Dependent Children: educational awards/scholarships
SB 1301 (Kuehl) Reproductive Privacy Act
SB 1324 (Ortiz) Medical Evidentiary Examinations: hospital-based training center
SB 1399 (Romero) Spousal Support: punishment for non-payment
SB 1411 (Speier) Health Care Coverage: maternity services
SB 142 1 (Romero) Crimes: sexual battery
SB 1471 (Romero) Sick Leave: employer retaliation
SB 1627 (Kuehl) Protective Orders: proof of service
SB 1658 (Soto) Support: enforcement of child, family, or spousal support judgments
SB 1661 (Kuehl) Disability Compensation: paid family leave
SB 1936 (Burton) Community Property: fiduciary relationships

SCR 55 (Ortiz) Stem Cell Research
SCR 57 (Romero) Cervical Cancer Awareness Month
SCR 72 (Escutia) Women's History Month
SCR 73 (Kuehl) Sexual Assault Awareness Month
SJR 38 (Ortiz/Vasconcellos) Stem Cell Research

VETOED

AB 1947 (Washington) Public Assistance Eligibility: substance abuse
AB 1959 (Corbett) CalWORKs Eligibility: work activities
AB 2240 (Wright) Paternity Testing -- **Opposed**
AB 2386 (Keeley) CalWORKs: extension
AB 2652 (Chu/Cohn) Domestic Violence Courts: task force
SB 987 (Escutia) The Dymally-Allatorre Bilingual Services Act: implementation
SB 1362 (Karnette) Female Inmates: family visitation

FAILED PASSAGE



The following bills did not reach the Governor's desk because they were not approved by the Legislature—they were voted down, failed to meet certain legislative deadlines, or were dropped by the author.

AB 36 (Steinberg) Confidentiality of Writings: protection of the public
AB 1649 (Goldberg) Discrimination: based on gender
AB 1826 (Migden) Health Care Coverage: infertility treatment
AB 1896 (Liu) Health Care Coverage: ovarian cancer
AB 2116 (Aroner) CalWORKS Eligibility: work activities
AB 2537 (LaSuer) Abortion: ultrasound -- **Opposed**
AB 2623 (Mountjoy) Vehicular Manslaughter: fetus -- **Opposed**
AB 2692 (Oropeza/Matthews) Health Care Coverage: osteoporosis testing
ACA 23 (Briggs) Abortion: parental consent – **Opposed**
ACR 184 (Reyes) Sexual Assault Awareness Month
ACR 191 (Frommer) “Denim Day”: rape and sexual assault awareness
ACR 224 (LaSuer) Breast Cancer and Abortion -- **Opposed**

SB 11 (Escutia) Confidentiality of Writings: protection of public
SB 224 (Speier) Breast and Cervical Cancer: treatment services
SB 1394 (Ortiz) Hospitals: charity care policies and reporting requirements
SB 1618 (Kuehl) Domestic Violence: marriage license fees
SB 1780 (Escutia) Courts: interpreters for domestic violence victims

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